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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously presented) A device for producing granules comprising a drum with peripheral apertures, a member for feeding said drum with coating or fixing substance, and a member for supplying gas, wherein said peripheral apertures are defined by the space between mutually parallel sections contained in said drum and, wherein a gas passes through said peripheral apertures between the inside and the outside of said drum.
2. (Currently Amended) Device according to Claim 1, wherein the parallel sections have edges arranged opposite one another.
3. (Currently Amended) Device according to Claim 2, wherein the edges delimit a flat face of each of the parallel sections, said face facing the inside of the drum.
4. (Currently Amended) Device according to any of Claims 1 to 3, wherein each of the parallel sections has a width which decreases from the inside towards the outside of the drum.
5. (Currently Amended) Device according to any of Claims 1 to 3, wherein each of the parallel sections has a triangular profile.
6. (Currently Amended) Device according to any of Claims 1 to 3, wherein the parallel sections are rectilinear and parallel to an axis of rotation of the drum.
7. (Currently Amended) Device according to any of Claims 1 to 3, wherein the parallel sections are curved.
8. (Currently Amended) Device according to any of Claims 1 to 3, wherein the drum has sectors which carry the parallel sections and can be removed independently from one another.

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9. (Previously presented) Device according to any of Claims 1 to 3, wherein the substance feed member is arranged in the drum.

10. (Previously presented) Device according to any of Claims 1 to 3, wherein the substance feed member comprises an atomizer.

11. (Previously presented) Device according to any of Claims 1 to 3, wherein the substance feed member is connected to a source of liquid.

12. (Previously presented) Device according to any of Claims 1 to 3, wherein the substance feed member is connected to a source of compressed air.

13. (Previously presented) Device according to any of Claims 1 to 3, further comprising means for continuous supply of a gas to the interior of the drum and for forcing the gas to pass through the apertures from the inside towards the outside of the drum.

14. (Previously presented) Device according to Claim 13, further comprising means for modifying the temperature of the gas upstream of the drum.

15. (Previously presented) Device according to Claim 13, wherein the gas passes through the apertures from the outside towards the inside of the drum.

16. (Previously presented) Process for producing granules, wherein a device according to one of Claims 1 to 3.

17. (Cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer)

18. (Cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer)

19. (Previously added) Device according to Claim 1, wherein granules are pharmaceutical granules.

20. (Previously presented) Process according to Claim 16, wherein granules are pharmaceutical granules.

21. (Cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer)

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22. (Cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer)

23. (Cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer)

24. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein said mutually parallel sections form a surface of said drum supporting the granules.

25. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein said mutually parallel sections are arranged to be in contact with the granules.